

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY, KRESGE AUDITORIUM
Massachusetts Avenue
(at Amherst Street)
Cambridge
Middlesex County
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Middlesex	TOWN OR VICINITY Cambridge
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KRESGE AUDITORIUM		HABS NO. MA-1217
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Massachusetts Avenue at Amherst Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1953	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Eero Saarinen	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The building is an outstanding example of the neo-expressionist style, designed by well-known 20th century architect, Eero Saarinen.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Neo-expressionist		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Concrete shell with glass curtain walls		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) parabolic		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Thin concrete shell rests on three point glass curtain walls; continuous curves produce a dynamic sculptured form, with angular elements kept to a minimum.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES none		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent condition; used as an auditorium		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The auditorium is set back 80 feet from Massachusetts Avenue on the campus of M.I.T.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) NRHP (DOE 1987)		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Massachusetts Historical Commission		DATE 10/21/87

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